



## **Valley Forge National Historical Park**

### **Construction Project Updates**

Project Management Weekly Update: April 6th, 2007

#### **Week of April 2nd, 2007 – April 6th, 2007**

##### ***PA Route 23 Utility Realignment:***

- a. The second phase of digging for the utility realignment has commenced.

Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday-Friday. \*\*\*See below for more information\*\*\*

##### ***Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters:***

- a. Continued work with Independence National Park contracting to secure an 8(a) contractor for Knox's structural stabilization. Three subcontractors have been identified for Barb Murphy to suggest to the 8(a).

##### ***Administrative Building and Auditorium HVAC Replacement:***

- a. A potential 8(a) contractor has been identified. The 8(a) has the potential for design/build and has worked at a number of NER parks.

##### ***Walnut Hill Barn/Shed:***

- a. The government (CESS) estimate (per request of Barb Murphy, CO at INDE) has been reworked.

##### ***Washington's Headquarters Rehabilitation:***

- a. Completion of remaining punch list items for Phase I (reseeding the historic landscape and the realignment of 30ft of walkway) has commenced.

##### ***Inner Line Drive and Parking lot removal:***

- a. Work on cleaning road material from the historic hand-laid stone gutters has commenced.

##### ***2nd Annual Revolutionary Run (April 22nd)***

- a. Minor changes have been made to the walker's course.

b.Course descriptions and a map have been created and distributed to associated park personnel to allow proper set up and break down of barricades, cones, signage, staging, etc.

**\*\*\*ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS\*\*\***

West Inner Line along with Inner Line Spur will remain closed due to unsafe conditions.

Inner Line Drive will be CLOSED and will remain closed until the gutter work is finished and the road surface has been milled down. The closure will be from the intersection of Valley Forge Road (RT 23) to Gulph Road this includes Inner Line Spur Road, and from Gulph Road to Artillery Park Picnic Area. The reason for this closure is that in many places along the Inner Line where the Gutters have been cleaned there is as much as a 6” drop off from the road surface to the gutter. This drop-off presents a safety hazard to vehicles. Inner Line will also be closed to pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The machinery that is being used presents a hazard to visitors.

Pennsylvania State Route 23 (“Valley Forge Road”): The first phase of major road improvements will begin in the Park on March 4, 2007. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 “Valley Forge Road” and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards’s road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.